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SUBJECT: US-TUNISIAN JOINT COMMISSION

1. FOLLOWING IS WASHINGTON AGREED UPON OUTLINE OF ISSUES
TO BE TAKEN UP IN JOINT COMMISSION MEETING OCTOBER 17-20.
EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW PROPOSALS WITH GOT AND TO
DEVELOP MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGENDA. (NOTE: FINAL AGENDA
NEED NOT SHOW ALL SUBHEADINGS, ALTHOUGH AMERICAN SPEAKERS
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WILL ADDRESS VARIOUS ISSUES ROUGHLY IN ORDER INDICATED.)
PLEASE SUBMIT PROPOSED CHANGES TO DEPARTMENT FOR FORMAL
APPROVAL.

OCTOBER 17

I. OPENING PLENARY (EARLY MORNING) - BRIEF STATEMENTS BY
TUNISIAN CO-CHAIRMAN AND AMBASSADOR OR NEA REPRESENTATIVE,
INCLUDING INTRODUCTIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO SUBCOMMISSIONS.

II. MEETING OF SUBCOMMISSIONS (MID-MORNING)

--- A. SUBCOMMISSION ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT - (CO-CHAIRLED
--- BY HOSTLER, PARTICIPANTS FROM OPIC, EB, TREASURY
--- AND EMBASSY).

PURPOSES

-- TO SERVE AS A FORUM FOR THE SHARING OF INFORMATION ON
-- MATTERS OF PRIMARY MUTUAL INTEREST IN TRADE AND
-- INVESTMENT, INCLUDING TUNISIAN ECONOMIC GOALS, IMPORT
-- AND EXPORT NEEDS, AND COMMERCIAL/INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT;

-- TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC AREAS FOR INCREASED US-TUNISIAN
-- COOPERATION IN TRADE AND INVESTMENT MATTERS.

---- 1. UNITED STATES TO REVIEW CURRENT AND PROJECTED
---- PROGRAMS

----- A. TRADE (HOSTLER)

----- 1) US-TUNISIAN TRADE DEVELOPMENTS

----- 2) US PUBLICITY EFFORTS - NEW COMMERCE OVERSEAS
----- BUSINESS REPORT ON TUNISIA

----- 3) DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TRADE PROMOTION
----- ACTIVITIES (TECHNICAL SEMINARS, IN-STORE
----- PROMOTION, 1975 FAIR, 1977 FAIR ETC.)

----- 4) US MARKET RESEARCH PROGRAMS (STUDIES ON
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----- TELECOMMUNICATIONS, SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT
----- AND OIL/GAS EQUIPMENT, ETC.)

----- 5) CAPABILITY TO ASSIST TUNISIA IN MEETING ITS
----- IMPORT NEEDS AND TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION
----- ON THESE NEEDS VIA COMPUTERIZED TRADE
----- OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM.

----- 6) ABILITY TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON
----- TUNISIAN PRODUCTS IN US AND TO ASSIST
----- TUNISIAN SELLERS.

----- B. FINANCIAL AND TARIFF CONSIDERATIONS (BILLER)

----- 1) US GOVERNMENT FINANCING ASSISTANCE (CCC,
----- FCIA, EXIM, ETC.)

----- 2) 1974 TRADE ACT AND IMPLICATIONS FOR TUNISIA

----- C. INVESTMENT (PARSKY)

----- 1) US INVESTMENT IN TUNISIA -- CURRENT AND
----- PROJECTED

----- 2) PETRODOLLAR - TRIANGULAR INVESTMENT
----- OPPORTUNITIES

----- 3) IDENTIFICATION OF AREAS OF SPECIAL US
----- INTEREST

----- 4) STATUS OF JOINT TAX TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

----- 5) STATUS OF DISCUSSIONS ON USE OF US OWNED
----- DINARS

----- D. OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION
----- (MCCALLUM)

----- 1) OPIC OPERATIONS AND AREAS OF PRIME INTEREST

----- 2) ABILITY TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON
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----- INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

----- 3) REVIEW OF CURRENT PROJECTS, INCLUDING
----- AGRIBUSINESS SURVEY

----- 4) RANGE OF COORDINATION WITH API

----- 5) RESIDENT AMERICAN ADVISOR IN TUNIS

--- 2. TUNISIA TO REVIEW CURRENT AND PROJECTED PROGRAMS

----- A. GROWTH OBJECTIVES AND IMPLICATION FOR US
----- BUSINESS

----- 1) TUNISIAN DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

----- 2) TUNISIAN IMPORT NEEDS AND IMPORT REGULATIONS

----- 3) TUNISIAN EXPORT INTERESTS

----- B. MARKETING INFORMATION

----- 1) FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO ENCOURAGE COMMERCE

----- 2) EXPORT-IMPORT EXCHANGE REGULATIONS

----- 3) TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS

----- 4) ROLE OF AGENTS AND BIDDING PROCEDURES

----- C. INVESTMENT INFORMATION

----- 1) FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT-
----- API AND OTHERS

----- 2) TUNISIAN TAX STRUCTURE

----- 3) REGULATIONS ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT

----- 4) REGULATIONS ON EXPORT OF PROFITS

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----- 5) LAND TENURE LEGISLATION AND AGRIBUSINESS
----- PROSPECTS

----- 6) POSSIBILITIES OF PETRODOLLAR FINANCING

----- 7) STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH EUROPEAN
----- COMMUNITY

--- B. SUBCOMMISSION ON DEVELOPMENT - (CO-CHAIRLED BY
--- NOOTER, PARTICIPANTS FROM OES, HOPE AND EMBASSY)

PURPOSES

-- TO REVIEW EXTENT OF AID AND OTHER US PARTICIPATION IN
-- TUNISIAN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES;

-- TO EXPLAIN US OBJECTIVES, CAPABILITIES, AND EXPECTATIONS

-- TO BETTER US UNDERSTANDING OF TUNISIAN DEVELOPMENT
-- GOALS, PRIORITIES AND RESOURCES; AND

-- TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC PROGRAMS FOR INCREASED COOPERATION.

---- 1. UNITED STATES TO REVIEW CURRENT AND PROJECTED
---- PROGRAMS

----- A. USG ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (NOOTER)

- 1) DAP, FY 76 AND FY 77 PLANS
- 2) SPECIFIC PROGRAMS FOR INCREASED COOPERATION
----- IN HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND WOMEN'S
----- AFFAIRS
- 3) RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN AND AGRICULTURAL
----- PRODUCTION
- 4) TITLE I
- 5) TITLE II
- 6) PEACE CORPS
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- 7) HOUSING INVESTMENT GUARANTEE PROGRAM
- 8) US SUPPORT THROUGH INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES
----- (UNDP, FAO, IMF/IBRD, ETC.)
- B. US PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITY (EMBASSY
----- SPOKESMAN TO BE NAMED)
- 1) FORD FOUNDATION
- 2) CARE/MEDICO
- 3) CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
- 4) AMERICAN FRIENDS OF MIDDLE EAST
- 5) AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE
- 6) AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
- C. MONASTIR TEACHING HOSPITAL AND PROJECT HOPE
----- (WALSH)
- D. SFCP - SFC SCIENCE OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT AND
----- RANGE OF SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION (RICHMOND)
- 1) USDA/AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
- 2) COMMERCE/NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC
----- ADMINISTRATION
- 3) HEW/PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
- 4) HEW/SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES
- 5) NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

----- 6) SMITHSONIAN

----- 7) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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--- 2. TUNISIA TO REVIEW ITS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

----- A. OBJECTIVE AND GOALS OF NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN

----- 1) PRIORITIES

----- 2) METHODS

----- B. RESOURCE NEEDS

----- 1) DOMESTIC AVAILABILITY

----- 2) EXTERNAL AVAILABILITY - PETRODOLLAR AND

----- OTHER

----- C. AREAS WHERE COOPERATION MIGHT BE EXPANDED

----- 1) SPECIFIC PROJECTS

OCTOBER 18

PRIVATE MEETINGS AS REQUIRED AND DRAFTING OF SUBCOMMISSION
REPORTS, COMMISSION MINUTES AND JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

OCTOBER 19

APPROVAL OF REPORTS, MINUTES AND COMMUNIQUE BY TUNISIAN
AND US CO-CHAIRMEN

OCTOBER 20 (MORNING)

III. CLOSING PLENARY - CO-CHAIRLED BY MINISTER ZAAOUNI
AND UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON.

---- A. STATEMENTS BY CO-CHAIRMEN

---- B. REVIEW OF REPORTS FROM:

----- 1) SUBCOMMISSION ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT

----- 2) SUBCOMMISSION ON DEVELOPMENT

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---- C. REVIEW OF CULTURAL RELATIONS

---- D. SIGNING OF:

----- 1) SURPLUS FOREIGN CURRENCY SCIENCE OPERATIONAL
----- AGREEMENT

----- 2) AID TRUST-FUND AGREEMENT

---- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

---- F. ISSUANCE OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE. KISSINGER

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